

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. On 15 December 1952, twenty-five T-34 tanks arrived at Elkhovo from Sliven. Two Trudovak units, [redacted] were located in Elkhovo. Between 120 and 150 men [redacted] are permanently assigned to the Elkhovo railroad station to handle the unloading of military materiel, the nature of which is not known. 25X1
  2. On 27 December 1952, a train composed of 25 flat-cars passed through the Mezdra (N 43-09; E 23-40) railroad station. The flat-cars were carrying two vans, trucks, and light military automobiles. On 28 December 1952, a second train, which was coming from Vratsa and was headed toward Sofia, passed through the Mezdra railroad station. [redacted] 12 troop cars and one passenger car containing officers; all these men belonged to the Engineers. 25X1
  3. During the past few months, large quantities of artillery ammunitions were unloaded in Varna, in particular heavy caliber shells and all types of antiaircraft munitions. During this same period the following equipment also arrived in Varna:
    - a. Thirteen tanks;
    - b. Fourteen 20 mm. antitank guns;
    - c. Forty-five loaded freight-cars; and
    - d. Thirty-two ZIS trucks.
  4. Unloading of this materiel was handled by soldiers and Trudovaks at night.
  4. In December 1952, German medium-caliber field guns were unloaded at Varna. These guns, which were delivered by the Soviets after alterations had been made, are unloaded by students at the Naval School and sailors chosen among trustworthy Communists. 25X1
- [redacted] Bulgarian munitions factories are continuing to produce German caliber shells, up to 105 mm.

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5. On 27 December 1952, trains coming from Rumania and headed toward Shumen and Gorna Oryakhovitsa were observed passing through the station of Dobrich. The following cars were observed:

- a. Seven sealed cars, guarded by Bulgarian soldiers and bearing the legend: "Explosives;"
- b. Thirteen sealed freight cars
- c. Seven flat-cars each carrying a heavy caliber antiaircraft gun; and
- d. Four flat-cars carrying three-axle trucks.

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